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Admiral Stansfield Turner, Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Admiral Turner,

I was delighted with the quick response to my request dated March 1, 1978. On March 8 at 9:00 a.m., I had a private meeting in my office with your representatives, [redacted] to discuss Cuban-Soviet activities and the Soviet presence in Cuba and the Caribbean. I must confess, however, that I was a little concerned that [redacted] had the proper credentials for identification. This seemed unusual, although they did have identification in the form of pass cards or gate permits.

I appreciate the information they provided, but was somewhat startled to learn that there are only about 30 Soviet pilots in Cuba and about 80 Cuban pilots in Africa flying Soviet-built MIG fighter-bombers. Certainly Time magazine, Newsweek, the Associated Press, and others who are reporting much higher numbers there would be surprised by this information. The 11,000 Cubans in Ethiopia is, of course, in line with media reporting.

From the information provided by these gentlemen, it appears that you do not feel that the Soviet presence in the Caribbean and the Cuban military activities in Africa, which provide the Cubans with combat experience for presumed Western Hemisphere insurgency, pose a serious threat to our country.

Again, thank you very much for permitting [redacted] and [redacted] to appear and present me with this information.

Sincerely,


Eldon Rudd
Member of Congress

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